

PHARMACY BOARD [657]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, “Drugs in Emergency Medical Service Programs,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment was approved at the August 28, 2013, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment permits a pharmacy that utilizes a decentralized automated medication distribution system (AMDS) to authorize specific members of an emergency medical service program to replenish the service program’s drug supplies from the AMDS. The amendment requires that a pharmacist verify the drugs to be stocked in the AMDS prior to the drugs being removed from the pharmacy and requires that authorized service program personnel be assigned unique identification and access codes limiting access to specific drugs authorized for use by the service program. The amendment also requires a pharmacist to verify and document the access and removal of drugs by service program personnel within 72 hours of such access.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 22, 2013. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by E-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147 and Iowa Code sections 124.301 and 155A.13.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 11.20(1) as follows:

11.20(1) introductory paragraph. No change

Paragraph a. No change

b. Replenishment using automated medication distribution system (AMDS). A pharmacy utilizing a decentralized AMDS pursuant to 657 Chapter 9 may authorize replenishment of the service program's drug supplies from the AMDS provided that a pharmacist verified the drugs stocked in the AMDS component prior to the drugs being removed from the pharmacy. Service program personnel authorized to remove drugs from the AMDS for restocking the service program's supplies shall be assigned a unique identification and access code for the purpose of accessing the AMDS. Access by authorized service program personnel shall be restricted to specific drug products authorized for use by the service program. A pharmacist shall, within 72 hours, verify the access and removal of drugs from the AMDS by service program personnel. Documentation of verification by the pharmacist shall be maintained within the pharmacy records.

b c. Inspections. The pharmacist in charge shall ensure the completion of a monthly inspection of all prescription drugs maintained by the pharmacy at the primary program site and any program substation. Inspection shall include the removal of outdated or adulterated drugs. All drugs removed from administration stock shall be returned to the pharmacy. Records of inspection shall be maintained for two years at the pharmacy. The pharmacist in charge may delegate the conduct of the monthly inspection to another pharmacist, a pharmacist-intern, a certified pharmacy technician, or the service director.